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1. The following observations were made at Brandis airfield from 12 through 26 December 1952:

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12 December. From 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., two Li-2s [redacted] red propeller hubs and red Flettner rudders practiced flying. Two Li-2s, [redacted]

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[redacted] also made training flights for about 20 minutes and at an altitude from 300 to 400 meters. A radio truck with a mast about 5 meters high, two trucks and one sedan were seen at the field. Visibility was good.

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13 through 17 December. No flying was observed. MiG-15s crossed the field on 16 December.

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18 December. At 8:45 a.m., [redacted] 11 Li-2s, a radio truck, a fire truck, 2 trucks and a sedan at the eastern end of the runway. Another truck with a white mast 8 to 10 meters high was seen east of the eastern hangar.

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[redacted] believed that all the planes had newly been painted. [redacted] were painted green, all the other aircraft were the usual olive drab. [redacted] all the planes mentioned made local training flights.

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19 December. The weather was foggy. No flying was observed.

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20 December. At 8:45 a.m., [redacted] five Li-2s parked at the eastern edge of the landing field. One radio truck was parked south of the runway, another radio truck east of the eastern hangar. Two trucks and one sedan were also seen. [redacted] with a gray propeller hub and [redacted] with a yellow propeller hub made local training flights until 2:30 p.m.

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21 December. There were snowfalls, no flying was observed.

22 December. Source observed test runs of aircraft engines. At 2:40 p.m., an Li-2 landed at the field. Visibility was about 2,000 meters.

23 December. No flying was observed. There was an 6/10 overcast and good visibility.

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24 December. Flying began at 9:40 a.m. Planes [redacted] with red propeller hubs; [redacted] with gray propeller hubs; and [redacted] 26 and 28 with yellow propeller hubs were observed flying. The planes with red propeller hubs practiced formation flying in groups of two, those with yellow propeller hubs flew in flight formations. Flying was discontinued at 3 p.m.

25 December. At 11 a.m., a biplane took off. At 11:10 a.m., a parachutist jumped from this plane while it was at an altitude of 300 meters. The parachutist landed about 500 meters south of the runway, outside the airfield boundaries. Five other jumps were made from the plane. Four of the parachutists landed on the runway. Visibility on this day was good.¹

26 December. About 36 ground attack aircraft, a high-wing monoplane and an Li-2 landed at the field during the morning. The planes taxied to the hangars.²

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2. [redacted] three AA guns between the eastern hangar and the runway.³

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3. In December 1952, [redacted] the entire German personnel of the field had been discharged.

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4. Trucks [redacted] were observed at the field. The drivers of the vehicles wore black-bordered blue epaulets.⁴

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1. Comment. According to available information, an air transport regiment is stationed at Brandis airfield. It is believed that the aircraft of the three squadrons of this regiment are marked by differently colored propeller hubs and Flettner rudders. The Li-2s [redacted] have red markings, the planes [redacted] gray markings and the Li-2s [redacted] yellow markings. It was previously reported that the Li-2s Nos [redacted] had blue markings, and Li-2 [redacted] yellow marking. The markings of these planes have probably been changed in the meantime.

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2. Comment. It is believed that these planes belong to the ground attack regiment probably stationed in Dessau. On the morning of 26 December 1952, Li-10s were observed taking off at Dessau airfield. At 2:40 p.m. on 26 December, ground source covering Dessau airfield observed no aircraft there. On the same day, the assembly of two railroad trains and the shipping away of billeting equipment was observed. On 29 and 31 December, Dessau airfield was evacuated.

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3. Comment. The existence of AA guns at Brandis airfield is reported for the first time.

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